

## MICROGRAPHIA

tube N N, and a tongue or sucker O, which I have in and out. Besides these, it has also two chaps or blades somewhat like those of an Ant, but I could not perceive these were shap'd very like the blades of a pair of nippers, and were opened and shut just after the same manner. By these means does this little busie Creature bite and pierce out the blood of an Animal, leaving the skin inflamed with a red spot. These parts are very difficult to be discovered, the most part, they lye covered between the fore-legs, and other particulars, which, being more obvious, and of more matter of information, I shall pass by, and refer the reader to the next figure.

### Observ. LIV. Of a Louse.

**T**His is a Creature so officious, that 'twill be knowne one time or other, so busie, and so impudent, that it will find its way into every ones company, and so proud and arrogant, that it fears not to trample on the best, and affects no mans Crown; feeds and lives very high, and that makes it so troublesome to any one by the ears that comes in its way, and will run up and down the face, and draw blood: it is troubled at nothing so much as when it is scratched, it scratches his head, as knowing that man is plotting against it, and that makes it oftentimes sculk and hide in the most secret and lower place, and run behind a mans back, though it is so much against the hair; which ill conditions of it having made me then trusted, would exempt me from making any further search for it, did not my faithful *Mercury*, my *Microscope*, bring me to the discovery of it. For this has discovered to me, by means of the light cast on it, that it is a Creature of a very odd shape, shap'd like that exprest in 35. *Scheme* marked with A, which is most Conical, but is a little flatted on the upper and under part, the biggest part of which, on either side behind the head (being the place where other Creatures ears stand) are placed two shining goggle eyes B B, looking backwards, and several small *cilia* or hairs that compass it, so that it seems to have no very good foresight: It does not seem to have a nose, therefore perhaps its eyes were so placed, that it might see with its fore-legs; and perhaps this may be the reason why it so much avoid and run from the light behind them, for they live in the shady and dark recesses of the hair, and therefore the eye having a great aperture, the open and clear light of the Sun, must needs very much offend them; to prevent from receiving any injury from the hairs through which